



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application. No: 09/809,826  
Filed: March 16, 2001  
Inventor(s):  
Smith et al.

Examiner: Dinh, T.  
Group/Art Unit: 2827  
Atty. Dkt. No: 5181-71501

Title: A POWER  
DISTRIBUTION  
STRUCTURE WITH A  
DEDICATED POWER  
STRUCTURE AND A  
HIGH PERFORMANCE  
VOLTAGE REGULATOR

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AMENDMENT; RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION OF August 27, 2002

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action of August 27, 2002 to further highlight why the application is in condition for allowance.

Please amend the case as listed below.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 3 and 18-34 without prejudice or disclaimer as to the subject matter therein.

REMARKS

Claims 1-34 were pending in the application. Claims 3 and 18-34 have been cancelled. Claims 1, 2, and 4-17 remain pending in the application.

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**Restrictions/Elections:**

The Examiner invoked a restriction requirement in the application. Group I consisted of claims 1-17, drawn to a system, while Group II consisted of claims 18-34, drawn to a method. Applicant hereby elects the pending claims of Group I for prosecution, and has thus cancelled the claims of Group II.

A species election requirement was also invoked by the Examiner. Applicant hereby elects Species II. Applicant notes that the Examiner included Figure 5 in Species II. However, Figure 5 does not show a voltage regulator.

Applicant believes that claims 1, 2, and 4 –17 are readable on Species II.

**CONCLUSION**

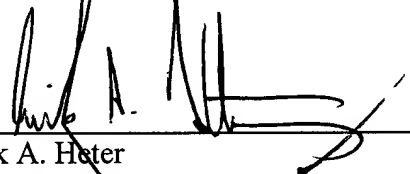
Applicant submits the application is in condition for allowance, and an early notice to that effect is requested.

If any extensions of time (under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136) are necessary to prevent the above referenced application(s) from becoming abandoned, Applicant(s) hereby petition for such extensions. If any fees are due, the Commissioner is authorized to charge said fees to Conley, Rose, & Tayon, P.C. Deposit Account No. 50-1505/5181-71501/BNK.

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Respectfully submitted,

  
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